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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE REPORTING IN CAIRO PRESS

1. ACCORDING TO PAGE ONE STROY IN AHAM NOVEMBER 23, EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE EXPERTS' MEETING IN ABU DHABI GOT OFF TO "EXCITING" START. ARAB LEAGUE SYG MAHMUD RIAD REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARD PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND "HESITATION" IN RECOGNIZING PLO AS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AND SAID ARABS EXPECT EUROPEAN STATES TO SUPPORT PARTICIPATION OF PLO IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE DISCUSSIONS. UAE AMBASSADOR TO ARAB LEAGUE TERIM OMRAN SECONDED RIAD'S REMARKS AND CALLED FOR FORMATION OF COMMITTEE OF EUROPEAN AND ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TO DISCUSS "POLITICAL ASPECTS OF DIALOGUE"; AND URGED EUROPEAN SIDE TO DEFINE STAND ON PALESTINE ISSUE. ACCORDING TO AHAM ARTICLE, CRITICISM PROVOKED STRONG REACTION FROM

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EUROPEAN SIDE.

2. AHRAM EDITORIAL NOVEMBER 24 TAKES UP THIS THEME. EXEMPTING
"SUCH COUNTRIES AS FRANCE" FROM GENERAL CRITICISM, AHRAM FINDS
THAT WESTERN EUROPE AS A GROUP DOES NOT KEEP PACE WITH
DEVELOPMENT REVEALED BY UNITED NATIONS VOTES IN RECENT
MONTHS, " IN LIGHT OF WHICH" IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ARABS TO ACCEPT
VIEW THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS REALLY SERIOUS IN EFFORT TO
CONSOLIDATE COOPERATION BETWEEN IT AND ARAB COMMUNITY.
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